

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are pending in the subject application.

Applicants have canceled claims 7-9 (claims 3 and 4 were previously canceled). The cancellation of claims 7-9 does not introduce any new matter.

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 5, and 6. As will be explained in more detail below, Applicants have amended the claims to place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

As noted above, Applicants have canceled claims 7-9. As such, the rejections of 1) claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Schacht et al.* (US 6,959,437 B2) in view of *Teng et al.* (US 6,094,679), *Wilf* (US 6,496,824 B1), and *Wittel, Jr. et al.* (US 2003/0195951 A1), and 2) claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Teng et al.* in view of *Wilf* are moot.

Entry of Amendments

The amendments made herein involve only the cancellation of claims and place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance. Thus, the amendments are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) and should be entered.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application, and submit that claims 1, 2, 5, and 6, which stand allowed, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP037).

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